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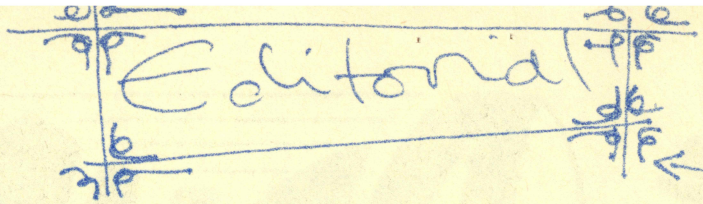

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Hello folks, Phil (Shanti's resident loony) here, scrawling a last-minute, very short editorial. I'm leaving Shanti at the end of May - about a year & 3 months working full-time in the Shop. What have I learnt? Well I've learnt an enormous amount about the 3rd world - what else is there to do sitting on behind the counter but read? And through that I've learnt something about applying my ideas (of which there are many!) to the infinitely complex real world. I've learnt that I've got an atrocious memory, but I can understand accounting! And I think I've learnt a lot about collectivism, both its good and bad aspects, which I can't put into words yet (phew, nearly got to the bottom).... sob sob emotion overcomes me... might go to Egypt this summer, write if I do Ta-ra Love Phil

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TORNESS GATHERING

The South of Scotland Electricity Board have started work on Britain's next nuclear power station at Torness, just 30 miles from Edinburgh. The plant, if completed, would cost at least £750 million and produce dangerous radioactive waste for which there is no known method of safe disposal. The electricity it would produce is not needed, as Scotland currently has 1½ times as much generating capacity as it needs. The only justification is that it will keep Britain's ailing nuclear industry alive. Yet the money could be spent on almost any other sector of British industry and produce more jobs. Torness is unnecessary, dangerous and expensive. It must be stopped.

Last May, 4000 people protested at the site and committed themselves to adopt all necessary non-violent means to prevent constuction of the power station. The Torness Alliance, which grew out of this event, consists of a nationwide network of groups and individuals dedicated to stopping construction. A number of representitives of the alliance occupied the reactor site last September and rebuilt the derelict Half Moon Cottage and made contact with local people. But in mid November, construction work began and the occupiers and other protesters were evicted from the site. The cottage was bull-dozed into the sea.

Now is the time to again show our opposition. The next gathering will take place over the May Bank Holiday weekend

may 4th.-7th.

A coach and minibuses will be going up from Manchester - leaving the Friday evening and Saturday morning and returning on the Monday afternoon. On the Saturday at Torness there will be music, theatre, stalls etc. and on the Sunday and Monday direct action occupying the site will take place. Occupation will only be by those in groups and who have had some non violent training - not everyone will be involved. Bring food, sleeping bags and a tent, if you can. Let us know if you want to leave on the Friday evening or the Saturday morning.

Come along for an enjoyable weekend in Scotland and strike a blow for a nuclear-free future. Fill in the form below for tickets.

Manchester Anti-Nuclear Group, c/o FoE, 95 Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7DT. Tel 273 2044

Please send ..... Tickets for the trip to Torness. I/We enclose £..... made up of ... adults (£8) ... children under 14 (£4) and ... unemployed (£6) and a donation of £.....Please make cheques/POs payable to Manchester Anti Nuclear Group.

I/We wish to leave Friday evening/ Saturday morning (Strike out where not applicable)

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Send to: MANG, c/o FoE, 95 Oxford Road, All Saints, Manchester M1 7DT.

THE NUCLEAR STATE

These are some of the points made by Professor Robert Jungk in a talk and discussion which he lead in Manchester recently. It was organised by Manchester Anti Nuclear Group (MANG) which is a collection of individuals opposed to Nuclear Power in this country.

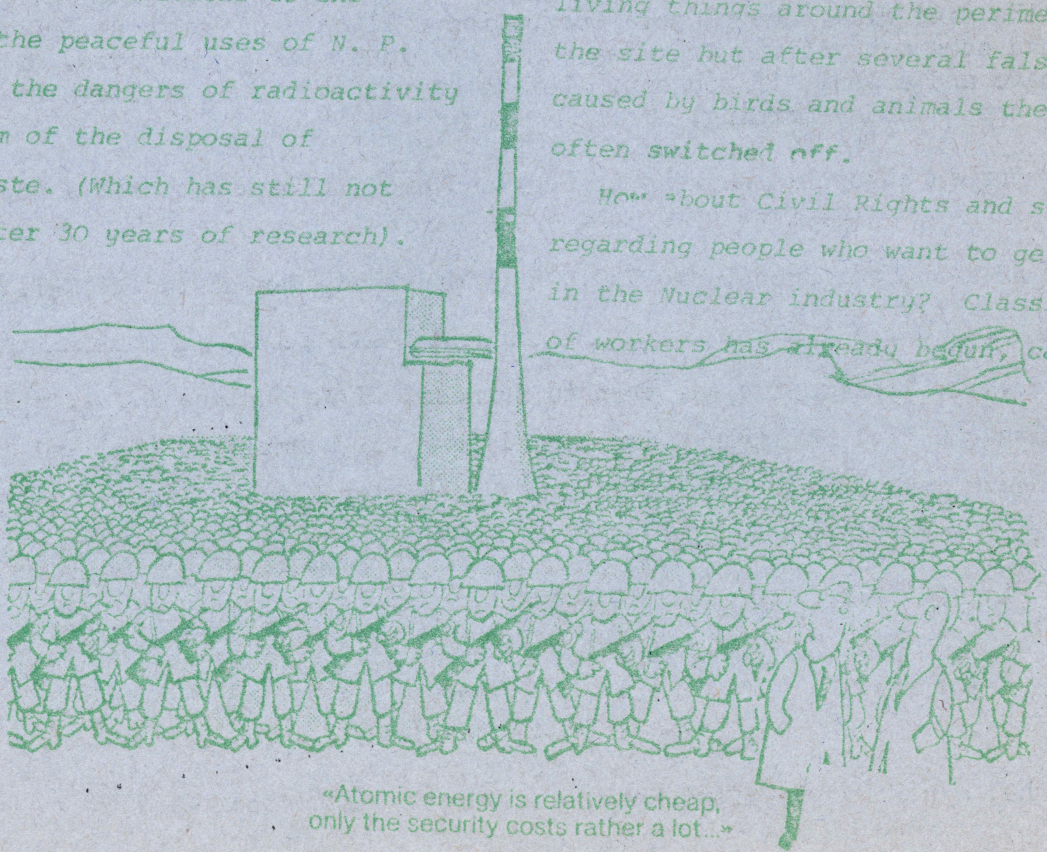
"The Nuclear State" has now been published in Great Britain and is his most recent book. He has published several books discussing energy problems including "Brighter than a Thousand Suns" (his most well known upto now). Without question The Nuclear State will take over this position not only because it had so much influence on the Nuclear discussion in Germany and Austria (where the referendum voted against Nuclear Power) but also because it talks openly about new and very frightening aspects of a Nuclear-Powered State in a future which has already begun.

Most previous contributions to the discussion of the peaceful uses of N. P. have concerned the dangers of radioactivity and the problem of the disposal of radioactive waste. (Which has still not been solved after 30 years of research).

The aspect on which Jungk concentrat however and one which the pro-nuclear side attempts to avoid talking about is the greater amount of security that nuclea material requires, even more than the material used to make ordinary weapons. Thi is because of the effects of excess radio -activity, which could reach far into the future through genetic mutations (effec which can't be predicted) and because of the threat of terrorism using such highly radioactive, highly explosive material.

This security would have extremely detrimental effects on Civil Liberties in this country. Indeed as pointed out by Jungk, the government of Lower Saxony West Germany had to spend 500,000 pounds before starting work on their Nuclear Reactor, to build a police barracks. This was to house the extra police needed to guard the site. New security systems were needed to replace old and inefficient ones (also ineffective). These detected living things around the perimeter of the site but after several false alarms caused by birds and animals they were often switched off.

How about Civil Rights and security regarding people who want to get jobs in the Nuclear industry? Classification of workers has already begun, categories

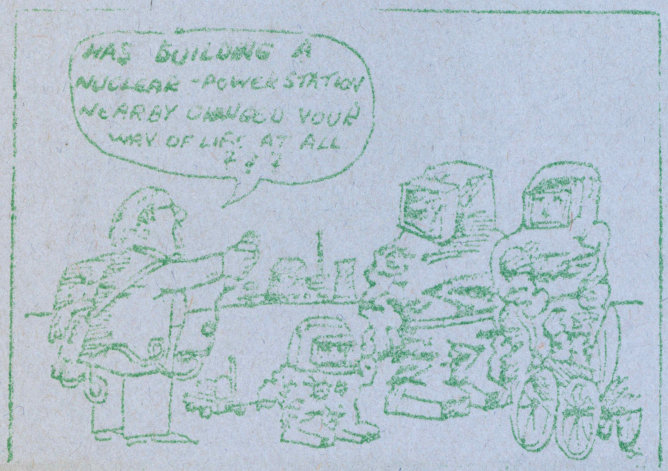


«Atomic energy is relatively cheap, only the security costs rather a lot...»

i) reliable, ii) not dangerous
suspicions. The amount of surveil
lance necessary to carry out these
investigations is substantial. The
following steps are necessary :

i) Check relevant details about the person eg. behaviour in private life, character, sexuality, political tendencies

ii) You've got the job. Special security means you share it with another person. S/he must have a completely different



psychological profile to avoid friendship and keep up tension between each other so that they won't trust each other.

iii) Control on the roads. Special vehicles have been developed for Waste Transport which if attacked cover the whole assembly in a sticky jelly or a smoke screen (which is highly chemical)

However, The Barton Report releases some more terrifying facts (it was not published immediately for fear of alarming the public). It spells out the necessity for surveillance of all people who live within a 30 mile radius of a Nuclear Power station.

What does this involve?
The lives and behaviour of everybody has to be scanned so that in the event of the disappearance of radioactive mater -ial they know who would support such an action/give shelter etc. It is important to know about everyone's attitudes and to make guesses at their future behaviour. People have to be prepared to betray their friends. Torture may well have to be used by the police to obtain information.

The question of human rights has had little comment as yet from officialdom.

Nuclear Power leads to a future which is inhuman, intolerant and repressive. It forces totalitarian ideas of ruling and gives no doubts about one pathway to openly fascist times ahead. A new class will be created - the security guards employed by private companies.

It's easy to say we have to protect Nuclear Power once it's there, but do we want it ? Do we need it ?

Why don't we spend the available money on research into safe, peaceful energy resources instead of playing with fire ?
To sum up "Why is Nuclear Power more dangerous than other technologies ?"

1. Everybody can be affected by it, viz. the accident in the 3 mile island reactor in Pennsylvania.

2. Nobody can predict the long lasting effects which have time reaching character including more cancer, more mutations and gene deformations leads to the birth of more handicapped people; sterilizing effects on humans and animals.

Who would think of living in such a future ? Who will bear children to live in such a world ? Questions without answers.

The demonstration of about 100,000 people in Gorleben, W. Germany at the beginning of April against the proposed reprocessing plant shows that there are people who are concerned about the effect Nuclear Power will have on the future and are prepared to fight to change it.

Are You ?

Some Events Happening in the Manchester Area and Elsewhere

FRI. 27th April "Power to the People" by Liberty Hall Theatre. At the Abraham Moss Centre, Crescent Rd., Crumpsall, Manchester 8.

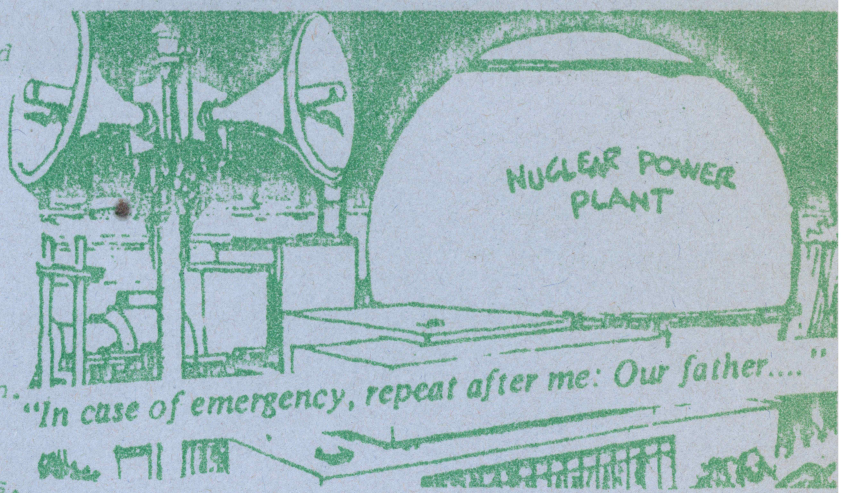
SAT. 28th April Anti Nuclear Group Stall (MANG) at the Socialist Unity Fair at Birch Community Centre, Brighton Grove Rusholme, Manchester.

FRI.4th-MON. 7th May Festival and Non-Violent Direct Action around site of new nuclear power station at Torness, (near Dunbar) Scotland.A coach and two minibuses have been arranged to go from Manchester on the Sat. morning and return on the Mon. Tickets are available from Grass Roots Books at 1 Newton St., Piccadilly or 109 Oxford Rd. or from Shanti or from Friends of the Earth at 95 Oxford Rd. (273-2044). Various affinity groups of people who can trust each other are being set up (slowly) to go to Torness to participate in the non-violent direct action (all of which will be in such groups) demonstrating against the construction of the Nuclear power station. If you would like to join one contact Friends of the Earth at the above address.

SAT. June 2nd Faslane Demonstration near Helensburgh, Scotland. To urge that the aging Polaris submarine fleet be scrapped A coach will leave St. peters Sq. Manchester at 11pm on the Fri. arriving in Helensburgh to join the national demo at about 12.30 returning in the evening. Tickets from Bo' Walder, 1 Bourne st., Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5HD (Cost £6)

14th-15th July Capenhurst Action. Will include camping etc. More details later or from Stop Urenco Alliance, c/o 95 Oxford Rd., Manchester 1.

Hope to see you around. Thanks.



CAMPAIGN COFFEE

THEY NOW HAVE APPONTED AN EDUCATION WORKER - NICKY HARMAN.

THE NEW ISSUE OF COFFEE STIRRERS IS NOW OUT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM SHANTI.

THE COFFEE IS EXPECTED SOON - IT MAY EVEN BE HERE NOW!!

MANCHESTER NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 1979

A small group of CAAT supporters in the Manchester area has been meeting and carrying out certain activities over the past year and we now have regular meetings on the third Wednesday in every month at the Manchester Area Resource Centre (MARC), 61 Bloom Street, Manchester 1. MARC is situated on Bloom Street between Princess Street and Sackville Street near Chorlton Street Coach Station.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 18 APRIL to finalise activities for the Week of Action, 22-29 APRIL. The Week of Action is to draw attention to the various arms sales fairs and exhibitions taking place during 1979 and 1980; in particular the DEFENCE COMPONENTS EXPO at the Metropole Hotel in Brighton during our Week of Action and the ROYAL NAVAL EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION in Portsmouth 10-14 SEPTEMBER.

One event which has already been arranged for the Week of Action is a SOCIAL EVENING with LIVE MUSIC and a speaker at the STAR and GARTER, Fairfield Street, near Piccadilly Station on FRIDAY, 27 APRIL at 7.30pm. Entrance will be 50pence and tickets will be available from our local contact address. The speaker will be Phil Asquith, a member of the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee and there will be a bookstall and a raffle.

As well as planning specific activities the group is involved in certain ongoing activities, which fall into three areas: public activities, such as leafletting and street theatre; educational activities- we have an expanded and mounted version of the mini-exhibition and we are contacting district libraries, schools and community centres in Manchester to see if they will take the exhibition for public display; conversion from military to socially useful production and the related problem of unemployment in military-related industries. We also have available,from our local contact address, the documentary film "We've always done it this way" about the Lucas workers' Alternative Corporate Plan.

In connection with our ongoing activities we would like to hear from people who are interested in participating in them, in particular from teachers and from people who work in factories involved with military-related production. For any more information about local CAAT activities or any donations to help us with our campaigning, please contact Graham Lightfoot at our local contact address which is at the top of this newsletter.

Please note that the MAY meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday,23 MAY,not on the third one.

EVENTS

APRIL (All week of 22 - 29): - CAAT Week of Action: see leaflet enclosed.

24 - ITV programme on Eritrea, 10:30pm.
- Chile Solidarity Campaign. 7;30pm, Waterloo Place, 178 Oxford Rd, M13.

27 - * Manchester Anti-Nuclear Group present 'Power to the People', an anti-nuclear reveiw. Abraham Moss Centre, Crescent Rd, Crumpsall. 7:30pm.
- Campaign Against Arms Trade Social Evening. See leaflet enclosed. (Star & Garter Pub Fairfield St., nr. Piccadilly Stn. 8pm. 50p entry.

28 - Torness briefing mtg. For those intending to go from Manchester to discuss transport, tactics, last minute details etc. At 11am, 61 Bloom St., Manchester 1 (off Princess St.)

- Socialist Unity Fair at 2.30 at Birch Community Centre, Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester. Shanti will have a stall there.

MAY

Weds. 2nd - National N.U.S. Chile Day

Fri. 4th - Mon. 7th TORNESS Weekend of Action - see leaflet enclosed.

Sat. 5th - Children's Festival - Manchester Cathedral - International Year of the Child event.

- 12.30 pm Demonstration of walkers from Aldermaston to Faslane plus any others who want to march. They are urging the government to drop its aged Polaris submarine and not to replace it. The demonstration will start at Piccadilly Gardens and walk through Manchester toend with speakers at St. Peter's Square. To end at 3.30. Organised by CND.

Mon. 7th - Salford May Day Gala in Buile Hill Park Eccles Old Rd., Salford. Organised by Salford Trades Council.

Tues. 8th - Chile Concert : Angel and Isabel Parra at UMIST Union at 7.30 pm. Admission £1.40

Sat.12th - PVA local gathering in Glossop. See PVA page for more details.

Mon. 14th - 5pm Official opening of the Development Education Resource Centre at Didsbury College. Invitation only

Fri. 18th - Sun. 20th - Crafts Fair in Ashton. Contact Shanti for more details.

Sat. 19th - 'Stop Urenco' Meeting to plan type of action for a later event. 11am at 82 Great Bridgewater St., Manchester 1.

JUNE

7th - European Elections. WDM are lobbying for policies favourable to the Third World.

Sat. 9th - Stop Urenco National Meeting - c/o Chester FOE. Contact Shanti for more details.

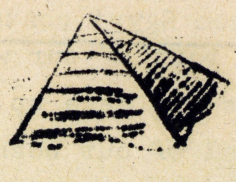
Sat. 16th - Folk and Crafts Fair at Longford Hall, Stretford.
- Crafts Fair : Cheetham's School, Manchester (nr. Victoria)

Thurs. 21st. - Reception for Overseas Students & Hosts at International House, Plymouth Grove, Manchester at 7.30 pm.

JULY

6th - Public Meeting with Judith Hart. Details from UNA on Wilmslow 48922.

LETTER from EGYPT



This article is a few extracts from a long letter from two friends of mine currently doing VSO work in North Egypt. I hope to visit them there this summer, and if so, I'll add to their experiences on my return! Phil.

Dear Phil...

Zagazig is a large town about forty miles north-east of Cairo, so its in the delta which is very flat and criss-crossed by roads on the banks of canals, with palm trees, camels, water buffalo, donkeys, mud houses and water wheels. The town is large (about ½m) and it hasn't seen a European for about twenty years. The people here are so suprised to see us that they haven't adjusted enough to be able to overcharge us for everything, like they do in places that are used to touists. So we get on pretty well - everybody's bowled over that we can actually just about put two words of Arabic together, and just won't believe that we're only getting a fairly well-to-do Egyptian salary, and are not being paid a mint by the British Government.

Egyptians are incredibly gregarious and friendly. As soon as people set eyes on us, they seem to ask us for a meal. They seem to be glad to see us, after the long embargo on resident foreigners in areas such as this. Here we feel we are the real Egypt - not the Egypt of the Pyramids, temples and tombs etc, but of an overcrowded market atmosphere, cultivating every square centimetre of land and crowding into the towns so there is barely an inch to breathe. After all, forty million people are crammed into a habitable area about twice the size of Wales, and this is increasing at the rate of about one million per year. Houses with flats tower up (new floors are added as required). The streets are never cleaned - they are very dusty, and rife with every imaginable infection. We find all sorts of contradictions in the life here. The rich and poor co-exist quite amicably, although the difference is quite sickening. The general dogsbody in our house gets E9 a month. He lives in a cupboard under the stairs which is open to the elements, and on a cold winter's night he sits on the doorstep with his feet in a bowl of ashes, quite content with his lot. Meanwhile the middle class tenants who live above are grossly overweight. They smooth around in plastic imitations of western clothes, have obligatory imported electrical goods, and equally tasteless pseudo Louis XV furniture. Go round the corner to see the kitchen and something which claims to be a bathroom - nothing plumbing-wise seems to work properly, theyare never cleaned, so they stink the place out.

Islam seems to be at the heart of everything, (though it is mild in Egypt compared with other countries.) It doesn't teach people to think, only to obey, it contradicts any attempt at progress, and above all it ever attempts to keep women as second-class citizens. It's true that we've seen many examples of the opposite of each of these, but you feel that there won't be any real step forward until the yoke of Islam is broken; at the moment this is less likely than ever before.

Letter from Egypt contd.

The main part of our work is teaching English to seven classes of engineering students who make up the first year of a brand new faculty. This is part a lofty ideal of our boss, the Dean, in that because engineering is such an international subject, the students should be taught it in English from the outset, so that they have a better chance and variety of jobs later on. Otherwise it is the general Egyptian policy to conduct all science subjects, officially, in English, simply because the government has decided that that's the policy, and anyway there are no text books in Arabic. So we are there to teach these students English as an equal component with all their technical subjects.

Unfortunately this government envisaged ideal of every educated Egyptian being bilingual in Arabic and English, and thus taking the technical world by storm with the breakthrough of the great "developing" country Egypt has not been realized due to the fact that in the revolution they chose to boot out all foreigners from the country and only later let them in to designated places - Cairo and Alexandria. So very few Egyptians since that time have learnt English from native English speakers. After six years of learning English here, most people cannot write one sentence accurately. So we are teaching, attempting to rectify incredible errors, and at the moment not succeeding which is very frustrating. We'd be better off if we were teaching them from scratch. Everybody is firmly convincing us that they want to use us to make their English better, so they can go to England, get one of the jobs waiting for them, get rich, and never return to poor repressed Egypt. Some hope! The engineering students, who have no exam incentive to attend our course, don't. Their courses are taught in Arabic, with texts and some technical terms, which are in English, translated. Any English graduate who is reasonably competent will quite easily get a job in one of the richer Arab countries, leaving the teaching posts in Egypt to be filled by people seconded from other subjects, and so the vicious spiral continues downward.

Does all this mean we are totally disillusioned with our project? Coming after the idealistic sixties-ish generation, we have no illusions at all, and know full well that going out to be of service in a developing is a misconception. We certainly felt aware of the rubbish behind volunteering during our training courses, which were a waste of time. Once here we're wrangling over pay etc just as much if not more than we would be at home. However, we feel that we are by no means wasting our, or other people's time, by being here. The people here clearly need personal contact with the West because being cut off, they've been given some pretty warped ideas through films and fashion magazines. That they think every European woman is a blonde tart is not an exaggeration. They certainly would think that all English peoplelive in posh country houses and are always puzzled when we don't fit into their preconceived picture of Western affluence. In that case we can't do anything but good. For us, we wanted to experience a place completely different from the one we're used to; and now we're here, and really appreciating the opportunity to to join in a life, which despite its Western pretensions, is so new for us. /

LOVE - Martin & Kate

AITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY?

In Drum no.6 I gave abrief mention to 'Poverty and Power", War on Want's (then) new magazine. I gave it a favourable comparison with New Internationalist. Since then, however, it has been the centre of a furore. The problem was politics..."The charity is apparently engaged in disseminating political propaganda"..."the whole poise of the charity into an organisation concerned with the propagation of a particular political philosophy...support of of organised groups of the poor in matters of 'justice', 'rights' and 'power'". Thus wrote the Charity Comissioners to Mary Dines of War on Want. Apparently War on Want was producing a 'political' magazine - this was incompatible with its 'charitable status. After discussions with the Charity Comissioners, War on Want decided to stop producing Poverty and Power.

There are two ways of looking at this country's charity laws: one is that they are an institutin which once again shows the generous heart inside the state's occasionally tough exterior; the other is that they are an effective mechanism of social control.Any registerd charity is freed from income tax-; in return it must be 'non-political'.It can be involved with education; it can devote itself to"the relief of the indigent" (I don't know what it means either) - but if it commits itself to assisting those of the indigent who are struggling against the causes oftheir indigence, and even worse, if the charity then makes a <u>noise</u> about this, then it is being political. (Give people piss-pots and they'll be happy; give spades to dig their own latrines, and they might shovel something nasty onto our front garden!) No doubt that a lot of good is being done by registerd charities in this country and abroad, but the fact remains that the law won't let them 'work themselves out of a job'- beinvolved in the struggle against the injjustices that make their existence necessary in the first place.

I can remember as a lad in the 1950's, the terrific publicity given to the two charities,"Freedom from Hunger" and"Oxford Committee for Famine Relief". It seemed as if we all walked enough sponsored miles, and bought enough rubbish from Oxfam shops, we could set the whole world right. It wasn't. The big charities have gone off the front pages - they've no shortage of money - and in the field, in the Third World, they've in general become a great deal more radical. They keep fairly quiet abou this - perhaps its more profitable to let people imagine you're what they would like you to be - be all things to all people's consciences. War on Want made a fuss - and got their wrist slapped.

Brian Wren, of the War on Want committee, has examined all these issues in more detail in a pamphlet entitled 'The Politics of Charity' 10p from Shanti or War on Want.

War on Want are a small and definitely radical charity. Their committment is both to the oppressed all over the world, and also to exposing the root causes of their oppression. It was they who exposed the scandal of the promotion of baby foods in the Third World, and the resultant disease, in their pamphlet 'The Baby Killer'. Two more recent pamphlets are 'Tobacco and the Third World - Tomorrow's Epidemic' and 'Where were You Brother - An Account of Trade Unoin Imperialism'

Both are fairly complex pamphlets. 'Tomorrow's Epidemic' shows how the Third World, both its governments and people, are just discovering Western-type cigarrettes. The governments are discovering the revenues they can derive from taxation, and the possibilities for tobacco as a cash crop. The people are discovering the pleasure of smoking, while not finding out about addiction, bronchitis, lung cancer, and the other minor problems associated with inhaling tobacco smoke. Meanwhile the multinationals which process, and sell the tobacco are finding out they can sell cigarrettes with often double the tar level of those sold in the West, and with no health warnings. With the enormous problems they are facing in the West, the Third World offers them vast new potential markets. The book shows, both the particular and very serious problems concerned with tobacco, and also in more general terms, gives us one more example of how the multinationals work, sweeping all before them in their quest for new markets and greater profits.

'Where Were You Brother' is concerned with the European and American Trade Union Movements since the Second World War, and their relationships to the Third World. The prime offender seems to have been the American AFL-CIO - their equivalent of the TUC. Dominated by a right-wing hierarchy, its international policy has been almost without exception to combating the 'communist menace', rather than fighting for the rights of oppressed. The pamphlet shows it to have had very close connections with the CIA. But our TUC is also shown up to have been at best, short-sighted, and at worst definitely reactionary, in its post-war foreign policy.

Both pamphlets are very important reading for anyone concerned with the West's relationship to the Third World.

By Isabelle

I have tried to compile a list of adresses where you can get visual aid material, which is an excellent tool for people doing 'education' work, trying to generate discussions, or to organise around certain issues. A lot of distributors will be willing to give advice on the use of films, videos etc...the list is by no means complete.

Third World First, 232 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1UH. Publishes a comprehensive review of 150 films on World Development issues (Africa, Asia Latin America, Western Society, India), and information on where to get them. It includes slide/tape shows too.

The Other Cinema, 132 Little Newport St, London WC2 7JJ (01-734-8508-9). Non commercial organisation, collectively run, for distribution to independent cinemas, trade union and community groups up and down the country. A particularly wide range and up-to-date list of Latin American films. They usually have excellent 'Left Wing' films, not usually released in straight cinemas, but you would need to find funds, since they are quite expensive films. Anyone involved in the setting up of an alternative cine club should give it priority.

Socialist Film Services in co-operation with The Other Cinema. This group of socialist film makers aim at developing a distribution network for socialist films so that they can reach a wider audience. Available from them is a review of 17 recommended films that includes films on Third World Issues.

Liberation Films 6 Bramshill Gdns, London NW5(01-263-0613). The project grew out of dissattisfaction with the way films did not generate discussion and action amongst people. Their aim is to work with community groups, and to incorporate the participants more effectively in the structure of the film itself (eg have community groups doing their own video). They have a variety of films on Communiy Action, Women's films, Race, Worker's Movement, etc, also Africa, Cuba, Northern Ireland etc... A number of video tapes available on request about health and community topics.

Help and advice on the prepation of tapes: 2 Chichele Rd, London NW5 (01-450-7855).

Concord Films Council, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk. (0473-76012). Concord have educational films, specialising in documentaries

about contemporary problems, and can offer an advisory service to organisations having films for distribution, and welcome enquiries.

The documentaries cover a very wide range of topics (Racism, Third World Countries, Industrial Disputes, Community, Environmental Studies, Contraception, Mental Illness etc...). Good for use in schools or youth clubs. Reasonable prices, - £5 to £10.

Film Forum Ltd, 56 Brewer St, London SW7 (01-347-6487) All their films are made by Thames TV. ("This Week" World in Action"). Might not be always very politically radical, but they're good for educational purposes, and backed up with more information, they provide a good basis for discussion.

War On Want, 467 Caledonian Rd, London N7 9BE. A few films on Third World issues (Aboriginal land in Australia, ZANU in Rhodesia, Guatemala, etc...)

Christian Aid PO Box 1.,240 Ferndale Rd London SW9. A few films on Third World issues (Poverty etc...). Minimal charge.

More specifically on Latin America

CALA - Contemporary Archive on Latin America,1 Cambridge Terr., London NW1 (01-487-5272)

Cttee for Human Rights in Bolivia - address as CALA.

More on the Entertainment Side although there should not be such a split in the art of films.

Contemporary Films 35 Greek St, London W1. (01-734-4961)

Harris Films Catalogue of 16mm films. Clembuck Rd, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6BT. (01-399-0022)

Cinegate Ltd G te Cinema, 87 Nottinghill Gate, London W11. (01-727-2651). The same comments apply as to the Other Cinema, not to be overlooked if you are runn... liety, or if you've got funds. (Ave... charge £30 for a film). If you're ma... continental "Avant Garde" directors (We... der, Fassbinder, Lilianne Cavanni, Rober... Kramer and much more), its worth contact... them. Not to forget the old Chaplin and Buster Keaton, D W Griffith movies etc.. A wide range of quite recent Cuban films

At any rate, you're welcome to and fl... through our catalogues in Shanti, becaus... its no good our film box sitting in the cupboard getting dusty!

'RESISTIRES VENCER'-REVIEW.

As part of the Latin American Week i... UMIST (March 5th-10th) there were three... films on Latin America's oppressive reg... (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile.) After havi... seen the three films I felt pretty shak... up. I am going to try to "review" "Resi... es Vencir" a film by ayoung Argentinian director, whose name I cannot mention b... ause of fear of reprisals against his f... ily in his country. It was made in 1976

Anyone wanting to find out more abou... the resistance movement in Latin Ameri... should go and see this film. Argentina, being one of the most industrialized co... tries in Latin America has a very long ... tory of working class struggle (the fil... shows footage of people organising back... the 1920's). Although people had starte... organise before, the Peronist regime o... 1946-55 allowed mass unionisation and ... itancy and generally tried to fight ag... imperialism, and for improved workers ... ditions.

The film is about the Peronist move... its history, the hopes it embodied, it... contradictions, its failures. It is re... raced through an interview with Mario Firmenich, the secretary general of th... Montoneros, the most 'underground' cla...

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ch was formed in 1969 in Cordoba,
sponse to the uprising of students and
ers (under General Canusse's dictators-
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Firmenich shows, with the help of extra-
ordinary footage, Peron built up
mass support within the working class, as
the industrial boom allowed people to move
to the towns. One sees very moving scenes
of thousands and thousands of people
cheering in support of Peron, thousands
of people mourning Evita Peron, under the
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which Firmenich shows as continuous like
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against imperialism to which Peron had to
surrender in the end.

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sm too; made obvious in Peron's last years
n power (1973-74); one sees the gradual
split between union bureaucracies and the
ank and file workers, and frustration ris-
ng as Peronism could not buy off the work-
rs' demands.

The present military regime might have
illed thousands of people but it cannot
ipe out years and years of strong res-

istance which we must support as much as
possible.

Despite the very severe repression,
women, students, workers still organise. We
need groups to take up the cases of pris-
onners and to generally raise the issue of
repression in Argentina.

Please get in touch with Shanti.

RITREA SUPPORT COMMITTEE: Following our article
he projects page of our last edition, we are
leased to announce that a local committee has
een formed to support the struggle of the
ritrean people for self-determination and to
elp the victims of the war.
ontact: Paul Kelemen, 32 Bath St, Oldham. (652 3014).
here is an ITV programme on Eritrea on April 24th.

~CAMPAIGNS~

MANCHESTER ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP is a group of people opposed to the development of nuclear power. We are concerned about: radiation hazards at all stages from mining to waste disposal; the huge cost of the nuclear programme and the few jobs it provides compared to say, insulation; the massive provision for surveillance and security which transport of plutonium will entail; the sinister connections with the nuclear weapons programme via enrichment plants etc; and not least, the effects on the Third World. The disaster at Harrisburg and the leak at Windscale lend further weight to our argument.
We are currently active in organising publicity and transport for Torness (see leaflet enclosed), picketing BNFL recruitment drives, lobbying election candidates, and helping with the STOP URENCO campaign (see below). We are presenting an anti-nuclear revue "Power to the People" on April 27th at the Abraham Moss Centre, Manchester.

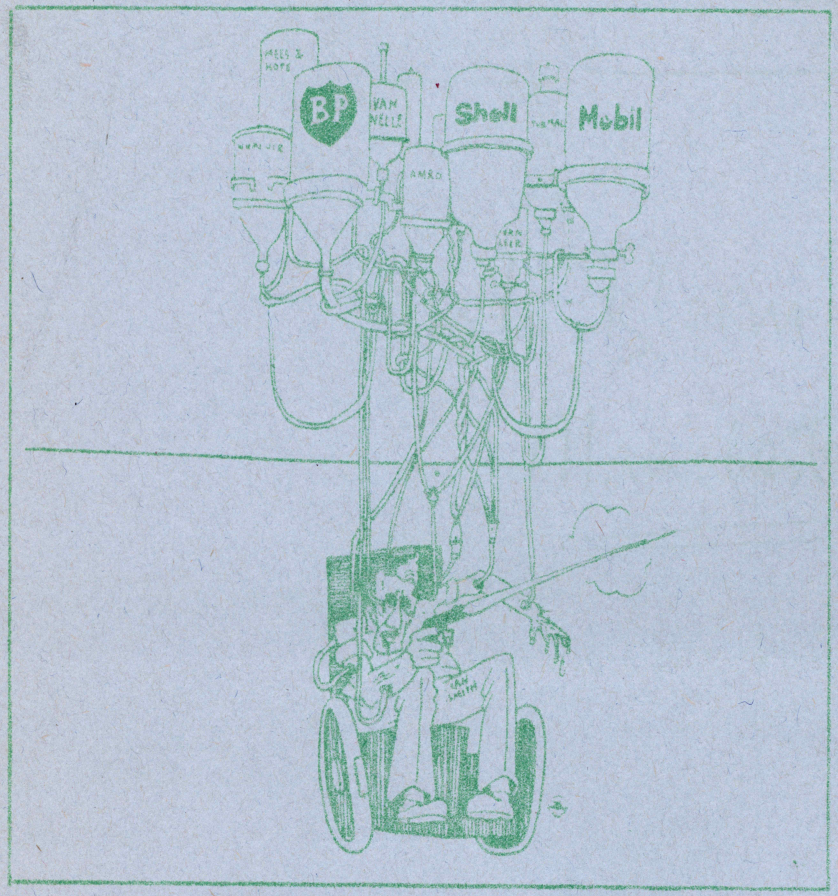
Contact: M.AN.G. c/o Friends of the Earth, 95 Ox-
-ford Rd, Manchester 13. (273 2044).

STOP URENCO ALLIANCE is a national network of groups opposed to the operations of URENCO, an Anglo-Dutch-W.German consortium of nuclear power companies involved in the enrichment of uranium. Few people realise that the technology used to enrich raw uranium for use in reactors can also be used to enrich it to weapons-grade material. URENCO is part of the W.German deal to sell Brazil an entire nuclear industry. Brazil has refuse refused to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and clearly has intentions of becoming the military master of South America.
URENCO has two major enrichment plants, one at Almelo in Holland, the other at Capenhurst in Cheshire. Hence the reason for people in the N-W to be active on the issue. There will be an action at Capenhurst on July 14-16th, including a public meeting and some kind of nonviolent direct action. There will be a get together at Torness and a national planning meeting in Chester on June 9th. A small news sheet is available from STOP URENCO, c/o Friends Of the Earth, as above.

HONG KONG EDUCATIONAL PROJECT: Shanti is helping the North West Region of the Christian Education Movement in this new project, designed to raise awareness about Hong Kong by the production of teaching materials for schools. We have obtained STEP funding for 3 workers and the project will begin within a week or two. We are considering putting on some kind of day school on Hong Kong, its colonial status, exploitation of factory workers, etc at a later date.
Contact: CEM, Central Hall, Oldham St. (236 5141).

COLIN'S SILLY PAGE...

Monday March 26, 1979



Karl Marx keep out

A shadow has fallen over the 1979 Albanian tourist season, now imminent. "No male with long hair or full beard will be allowed into the country. . . . Should the authorities not be satisfied in this respect hair will be cut by airport barber on arrival." So, in a welcoming spirit, says the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, and without further explanation. Nor does the Republic explain why, in the same declaration, citizens of the United States, the Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia—an interesting band of (undesirable) brothers if ever there was one — are excluded whether they wear beards or not. Journalists, bearded or otherwise, are also excluded. (But we expect that kind of thing.)

The Guardian's usually reliable non-Albanian source on Albania said yesterday that the Albanians' objections to hair had positively no religious foundation. Albania, he pointed out learnedly, was the world's only atheist state (the Government offers a one-day, £6 only, excursion to the National Anti-Religious Museum in Shkodra) and its views on beards were not so much a matter of faith as of politics. Without wishing to question our usually reliable source this, too, seems to be a less-than-adequate explanation. A decision which would exclude at one and the same time the likes of Abraham Lincoln, King Edward VII, George Bernard Shaw, Marx, the King of Jordan, and the Ayatollah Khomeini, would seem to lack any obvious political coherence.

Be that as it may Albania offers many delights to clean-shaven, non-American, non-Russian, non-Yugoslavian, non-journalistic visitors. Although they will not be allowed to go off on their own (they are "generally expected to travel . . . as a group") they are nevertheless invited to visit the Mao-tse-Tung textile mill in Berat, the ruins of Apollonia, the armaments museum in Girokastra, the State Farm in Sukth, and Lake Ochrid. "It is often possible," says the Albanian Republic "to swim in the lake after lunch." The Republic does not say whether the determining factor depends on the lake or the lunch.

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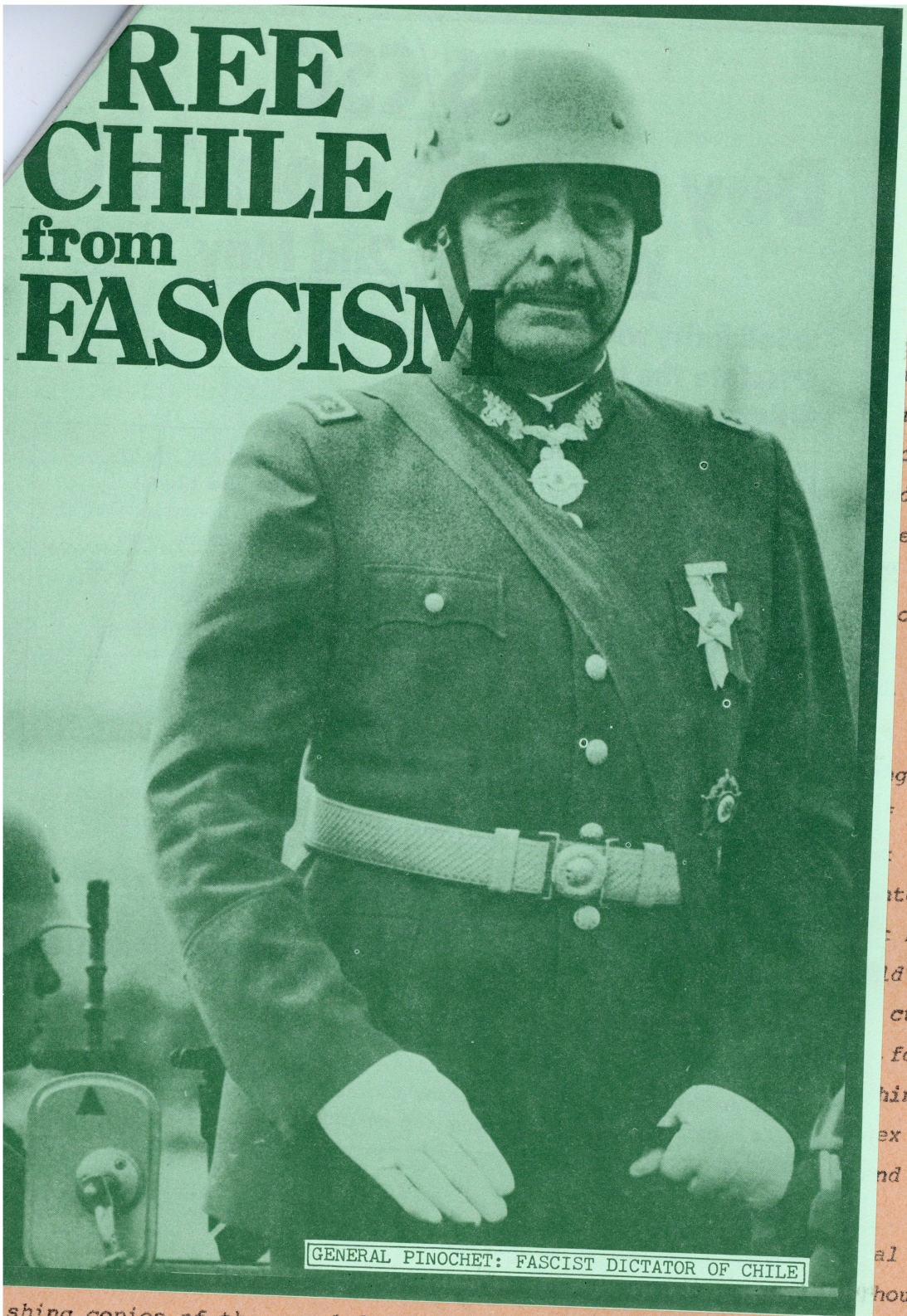

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In September 1973, the democratically elected Popular Unity Government of President Allende was overthrown by a bloody military coup backed by the US Government and multi-nationals. Thousands of people were killed while thousands others were imprisoned. The military junta soon held Chile in the grip of terror and repression. During the last 5½ years under the fascist junta the political, economic and social situation of the majority of people has deteriorated. Unemployment has risen dramatically, inflation has soared and all social services have been drastically cut. Only the rich can afford to send their children to University. Political parties and tr unions have been banned. 2,500 political prisoners have disappeared. Despite all of this the spirit of the Chilean people's resistance has not been crushed. Workers, students and professionals have formed groups which challenge the junta's policies.

International solidarity work has played a crucial role in isolating the fascist junta of Pinochet. Students in Britain can act in solidarity with the people of Chile by:

- boycotting all Chilean goods,
- pressurising the British government to make sure it does not restore its Ambassador in Chile,
- protesting against bank loans to the Junta,
- adopting and raising money for an educational project in Chile

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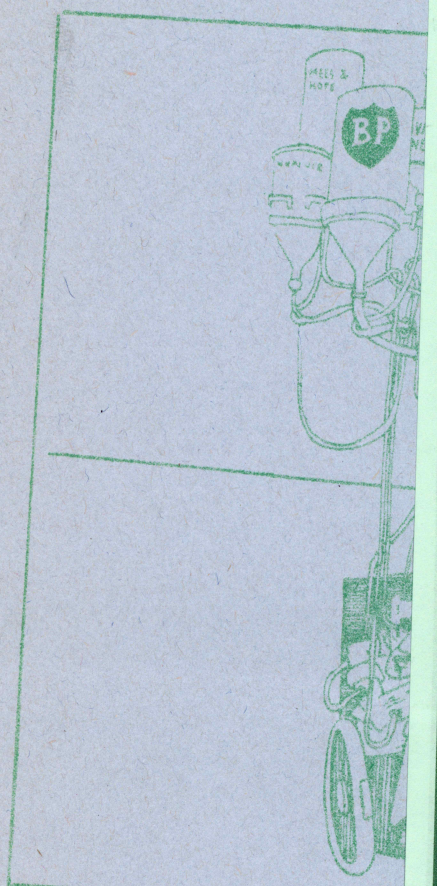

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THE RVA PAGE

is RVA? Returned Volunteer Action national organisation seeking to use experience and education of volunteers who have returned from working overseas in order to:

- look critically at the role of volunteers in developing countries;

- work to improve volunteering conditions and project assesment;

- encourage other returned to continue development work in Britain via their professional skills, political commitment, or a development education programme.

The Glencree Charter. This is the nearest thing to an RVA manifesto. Drawn up in 1978 by the European co-ordinating body of ex-volunteers, it covers the following topics in its 75 clauses: critical analysis of development, solidarity with popular action movements, distribution of power in local communities, volunteers and the host state, reciprocal responsibilities, rights to information about projects, standard of living, contracts, etc.

A very succesful national conference on the charter was held in Manchester at the end of March. some 70 returned (and potential) volunteers participated, and Manchester RVs helped to organise the weekend which included a folk and disco evening on the Saturday. RVA will soon be publishing copies of the amended Charter, together with the Education appendix agreed by the Conference. A number of working groups will be continuing, including one on 'Volunteers and Development Education'. The idea here is to encourage sending agencies to operate a 'sandwich' structure: say 9 months working in a British community or Third World Centre, 18 months in the overseas situation, plus a further 9 months on return in the original home community or project. For further information on the Charter or Development Education contact Colin Archer (061 273 5111 ex56) or Bob Kirby (061 445 2495). Alternatively, write direct to RVA, 1c Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 (01 935 9447).

Local Groups. A number of local groups met at the end of the conference, and the Manchester members represented decided to begin a series of regular meetings begin a series of regular social evenings in people's home so that RVs can get to know each other and maybe plan further activities. Two ideas in particular have come up:

(1) to give advice to potential and current volunteers and engage in correspondence or provide material support of various kinds.

(2) draw up a register of local RVs containing details of people's experience and knowledge, so that this can be made available to volunteers and those working in Development Education.
This register would form the basis of the mailing list, and currently we are using this page in Drum for contacting each other. Anyone wishing to send ina articles or news for the nex t edition should do so by about the end of July. (Contact Colin or Bob).

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